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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LUNCH WITH FONMIN QIAN

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2: SUMMARY. AFTER AN HOUR-LONG MEETING ON BILATERAL ISSUES, THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN DISCUSSED CAMBODIAN, KOREAN AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES OVER LUNCH. A/S SOLOMON LED THE DISCUSSION ON CAMBODIA, NOTING THE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS ARE: THE FORMATION OF AN SNC AND SELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN; AND GAINING VIETNAMESE COOPERATION. [REDACTED]

3. U/S KIMMITT OPENED THE DISCUSSION ON KOREA, NOTING THERE HAVE BEEN FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES RECENTLY IN NORTH ASIA, INCLUDING SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE ROK, CHINA AND

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THE ROK'S EXCHANGING TRADE OFFICES, AND THE JAPANESE
TALKING WITH NORTH KOREA.

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5. THE SECRETARY BEGAN THE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION BY PROPOSING TO DISCUSS REGIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS CAMBODIA AND KOREA, AS WELL AS NON-PROLIFERATION SINCE BILATERAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE HOUR-LONG MEETING BEFORE LUNCH (REPORTED SEPT 1). THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT A/S SOLOMON HAS SPENT AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF TIME ON THE CAMBODIA QUESTION IN RECENT MONTHS AND ASKED SOLOMON TO REVIEW WHERE THE ISSUE STANDS AT THIS POINT.

CAMBODIA

6. SOLOMON BEGAN BY OBSERVING THAT THE PERM FIVE HAS MET NINE TIMES ON CAMBODIA AND HAS HAD EXCELLENT COOPERATION. THEIR WORK HAS STRENGTHENED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PERM FIVE IN REGIONAL PEACEKEEPING. THE CHINESE TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE, HE ADDED, HAVE ALSO MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR A POSITIVE SOLUTION IN CAMBODIA. STILL, THE VIETNAMESE HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT TO THE PERM FIVE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.

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7. ONE IMPORTANT RESULT OF THE RECENT PARIS CONFERENCE WAS THAT SIHANOUK AND SON SANN NOW BOTH AGREE TO ACCEPT THE PERM FIVE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. THAT LEAVES TWO MAJOR OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE WE SIGN A FINAL AGREEMENT IN PARIS, SOLOMON SAID.

--THE FIRST IS MAKING THE SUPREME NATIONAL COUNCIL (SNC) OPERATIONAL BY RESOLVING LEADERSHIP ISSUES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE CHINESE IDEAS ON WAYS TO BREAK THE IMPASSE OVER THE CHOICE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE SNC. NOW, HE ASKED, DO WE GET THE VIETNAMESE TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS?

--THE SECOND IS CREATING A BROADER CONSENSUS IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF TWENTY COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA, FOR EXAMPLE IS NOW EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THE PERM FIVE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WOULD DESTABILIZE HUN SEN'S FORCES WHICH COULD THEN LEAD TO THE KHMER ROUGE FIGHTING THEIR WAY BACK TO POWER.

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10. SOLOMON RESPONDED THAT HE SEES TWO POTENTIAL OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS AT THIS POINT:

--THE KHMER ROUGE MIGHT BECOME, OR APPEAR TO BE, THE MAIN PARTY BLOCKING PROGRESS TOWARD AN SNC. THE VIETNAMESE MIGHT EVEN TRY TO PROVOKE A KHMER ROUGE ATTACK, AND THEN RAISE THE SPECTER OF KR GENOCIDE IN ORDER TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR HUN SEN AND UNDERMINE THE PEACE PROCESS. ONE KEY IS TO KEEP THE KHMER ROUGE REINED IN.

--THE EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL DILEMMA IS HOW TO BRING THE VIETNAMESE TO SUPPORT THE PERM FIVE PROCESS.

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KOREA

12. SECRETARY BAKER THEN TURNED TO U/S KIMMITT FOR A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN KOREA. KIMMITT OBSERVED THAT THIS IS CLEARLY A TIME OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN NORTH ASIA. THE CHINESE AND SOUTH KOREANS HAVE EXCHANGED TRADE OFFICES. THE SOVIET UNION HAS RECOGNIZED THE ROK. THE

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KIMMITT CHARACTERIZED THE TALKS AS FITFUL. THEY HAVE ALLOWED EACH SIDE TO STATE AND RESTATE THEIR POSITIONS, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL MOVEMENT.

18. AMB. LILLEY SAID THERE HAVE BEEN TWO BASIC PROBLEMS ON KOREA WHICH THE U.S. AND CHINA MUST ADDRESS.

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NON-PROLIFERATION

19. UNDER SECRETARY BARTHOLOMEW UNDERScoreD THE GROWING IMPORTANCE AND VISIBILITY OF NON-PROLIFERATION, CITING CONCERNS ABOUT IRAQ'S CAPABILITIES AS AN EXAMPLE. HE CALLED FOR CHINA TO TAKE A STRONG PUBLIC STAND ON NON-PROLIFERATION, INDICATING THIS WOULD HAVE A POWERFUL IMPACT ON BOTH GLOBAL SECURITY AND OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THERE IS A STRONG U.S. CONSTITUENCY, PARTICULARLY ON THE HILL, FOR NON-PROLIFERATION. HE ADDED THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE SEVERAL TIMES WITH AMBASSADOR ZHU.

20. [REDACTED]

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21. SOUTH ASIA, BARTHOLOMEW NOTED, PRESENTS A SPECIAL PROBLEM [REDACTED]

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